

**A METHOD FOR DIAGNOSIS OF TUBERCULOSIS BY SMEAR
MICROSCOPY, CULTURE AND POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION
USING PROCESSED CLINICAL SAMPLES AND KIT THEREOF**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a method of processing clinical samples for diagnosing bacterial infections by smear microscopy, culture or PCR as well as a kit for performing the said method. This invention also pertains to two sets of primers specific for the DevR gene of *M. tuberculosis* as well as to a method of using said primers for screening patients for tuberculosis by PCR.